THE BIRTH OF A NEW YEAR.

AN AUSPICIOUS EVENT DULY HONORED BY SOCIETY.

Brilliant Reception at the White House-Others Elsewhere Almost as Attractive-Who Received and Who Assisted-Dresses of the Ladies.

Yesterday was, most emphatically, the street below combined to make walking pleasure, while the absence of keen winds or biting frosts rendered the chances of the dude's being stricken with pueumonia very slight indeed. The only sorrowful man in the city was the livery stable keeeper, and his sadness was of but brief duration, for, finding customers few and far between, he generally ended his sulky fit by "going the rounds" in one of his own vehicles.

"Calling" was more in vogue yesterday. probably, than it ever has been in this city, and from the highest to the lowest "receiving" seemed to be all the fashion. Some unambitious men called at but a few places while others again, took in every parroom that came in their way, and when night fell the first few were straight as ramrods while the latter were bilariously and continously vociferating something in a strange tongue—a very thick tongue—about remaining absent from their respective domiciles until the rosy sun-god should have chased away the receptor

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In thousands of homes the youth and beauty of the city stood up stifly in long rows and graciously received the old gentlemen quietly, the married man unconcernedly, the callow youth critically, and the real nice disengaged young man enthusiastically. More than one wretched male shivered yosterday when he saw the determined glances of some of Washington's fair maidens and then remembered that this was lesp year. No cold pickled oysters, no chicken salad, no coffee, no egg nogg, not even a "thimbleful" with the old man himself could calm their troubled breasts.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE. President Cleveland and his Lady

Greet the World. The great magnet was the executive mansion, and thitherward did thousands of loyal citizens wend their way. Anything more beautiful in the line of interior decorations than those which made the rooms of the white house so attractive yesterday could hardly be imagined. Flowers and plants refreshingly sweet were scattered in all the public spartments.

The most elaborate work had been done in the blue room, where the reception was field. Banked around the mantels were tulips, poinsettas, and primroses. On the

tulips, poinsettas, and primroses. On the mantels were bunches of blessoms in gold vases, while the window recesses were filled with palms and poinsetta trees in full bloom. Hanging in graceful festoons from the chandelers were garlands of smilax, and wherever the eye wandered there could be seen the beautiful in nature and art. There was no attempt to form a vulgar mass, of colors; the decorations were almpte, but very effective.

A few minutes after 11 o'clock the Marine band, which was stationed in the vestibule, begen to play "Hail to the Chief," and the station party descended the staircase and with bare and but the party, one and the defense of the staircase and with bare and the form of the real way of the party in the party and Mrs. Fairchild, Postmaster General Vilas and Col. Lamont. Secretary Whitney came late, and joined the party in the blue parlor.

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Mrs. Cleveland wore a priocesse dress of olive-green plush, cut square in the neck and made with a full plain train. The trimming was scru silk lace, laid flat about the neck, on the sleeves and waist, and down the sides of the skirt. She wore a cord and tassels of solid gold around her waist and diamonds in her hair. Miss Bayard wore a black toliet of tuile and lace, pearls about her neck and Jacqueminot roses at her breast. Mrs. Fairchild wore white satin, with train of white brocade, front of white gauze, looped and platted. Mrs. Whitney wore a Worth dress of French blue brocade, with embroideries of silver beads, a full with embroideries of silver beads, a full

wore a Worth dress of Fronch blue brocade, with embroideries of silver beads, a full train, and the V shaped neck trimmed with plaits of blue tuile, silver spangled and edged with clear crystal pendants. She wore an immense diamond star in her corsage and solitaires in her care.

Marshal Wilson took a position at the west door of the room and introduced the officials and public to the President, who stood at his right hand. Licut. Davail parformed a like service for the officers of the army and navy. Mrs. Cleveland stood next to the President, and was assisted by Miss Bayard, Mrs. Fairchild, and Mrs. Whitney. The space in the rear of the reception party was filled with persons prominent in Washington official society, among them being Mrs. Gen. Sheidan, Mrs. Lamont, Miss Vilas, Miss Mollie Vilas, Miss Garland, Miss Endicott, Mrs. Lee Knott, Mrs. A. A. Wilson, Miss Mary Wilson, Hon. George Bancroft, Mrs. A. E. Stevenson, Miss Frorence Bayard, Mrs. Warenu, Mrs. Stebbine, of New York; Miss Paulne Whitney, Miss Potnere, and others.

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There was an informal interchange of greetings, which lasted for some few minutes, and then Minister Preston, of Hayti, who is dean of the diplomatic corps, was introduced by Secretary Bayard, and after him came the following diplomats, who, after greeting the President, were introduced to Mrs. Cleveland by Lieut. Daval: Viscount de Noguieras, Portugal; Mr. de Bounder de Melsbreek and Count de Arschot, Belgium; Baron and Baroness Fava, Italy; Hon. Sir Lonel Sackville West and daughters, and Hon. Henry Edwardes, Mrs. Edwardes, Mr. W. N. Besnelerk, and Mr. Cecil A. Spring Rice, Great Britain; Senor Don Matias Romero, Madame Romero and Secretaries Romero, Morales, Pasalagua, Gibbon, Santibanez, Mexico; Mr. Charles de Struve and Mr. Alexander Greger, Russia; Mr. Theodore Roustan, Couut Saia, Mr. Gabriel Salanson, France; Col. Emile Frey, Switzerland; Mr. H. A. P. Certer, Mrs. Carter and the Miesse Carter, Hawaii; Mr. G. de Weckherlin, Netherlande; Mr. Shiro Akabane, Mr. Kamenosuke Misaki, Lleut. Makoto Saito, Japan; Mr. L. de Reuterskiold and Madame Reuterskiold, Sweden and Norway; Senor Don Vicente G. Quesada, Argeutine Republic; Mr. Jose Coetho Gomez and Mrs. Gomez, Brazil; Senor Don Emilio de Muruaga, Senor Don Gordon Francisco Du Bosc, Senor Don J. de Pedroso, Soaic; Mr. Chang Yen Hoon, the Chiense minister, and a brilliantly arrayed staff; Senor Don Bomingo Gans, Madame Gana, Senor Heltran Mathieu, Madame Mathieu, Chill; Mavroyeni Bey, Turkey; Chevaller Schmit von Tavera, Austria Hungary; Baron von Zedtwitz, Germany; Mr. P. L. E. de Lovenorn, Denmark; Senor Podro Perez Zeledon, Senor Don Federico Volla, Senor Don Aquelto Echerverria, Costa Rica; Senor Don Aquelt There was an informal interchange of is represented the court of claims, e from the supremecourt of the Dis-were Chief Justice Bingham and

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Following the g ntlemen who dish out justice to the deserving clientele were the senators and representatives. Noticeable in line were Senators Ingalis, Hawley, Stewart, Cockrell, Sherman, Dolph, Morrill, Daniel, Hearst, Teller, Stockbridge, and Cameron, and Representatives Fuller, McAdoo, Payson, Breckinridge, of Kentucky; Stewart, of Texas; Townshend, Wheeler, Flumb, Bland, Itdimes, Jehn Baker, Lanham, Cutcheon, Matson, Kelley, Springer, Martin, Boutelle, Farquhar, Struble, Ketcham, Burrows, Baker, of New

York; Caine, Outhwaite, Symes, O'Don-nell, Blanchard, Phelau, Reed, Walker, Carlisle, Herbert, Randall, Bland, Wilkins, Hudd, Enloe, Morgan, and ex-Representative Tucker. In company with the other distinguished

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In company with the other distinguished legislators were Commissioners Webb and Wheatley.

At 11:40 the army and navy officers marched in to wish the Chief Magistrate and his wife "a happy New Year." Leading the van was Gen. Sheridan, accompanied by Gen. Holt and Gen. Wright, and following Immediately in their rear were Gen. Sheridan's aides, Cols. Blunt and Sheridan, after whome came the bureau officers; Gens. Augur. Oakes, Drum, Benet, Macfeely, Duans, Greely, Holabird, Rochester, Hagner, Badeau, Van Vilet, Greene, Sawteile, Dana, and Hunt, Cols. Lieber, Gibson, and Wood, Majors Raymond, Ward, Schwans, Post, Dewey, Clous, Adams, Tucker, and Rittenhouse, Capts. Taylor, Catlin, Smith, Griffin, and Lawton.

The absence of Col. Ludlow, engineer commissioner of the District, was noted by quite a number of spectators, and the only explanation offered on his behalf was an indefinite rumor that Gen. Boynton would be present, in which instance, of course, there would not be room enough in the mansion for the two, so the gallant colonel considerately stayed away.

The old salts came next, headed by Admiral Porter, with Rear Admiral Jonett, Rear Admiral Russell, and Commodore Weaver. Behind them were Commodores Weaker, Schley, Sicard, and Melville; Prot. Newcomb, Surgeons Van Reppen, Rochester, and Doyle, Ljeuts. Rogers and Bradford, Cols. McCauley and Remoy, Commanders Harmony stood at Mrs. Whitney's aide and presented the officers as they passed.

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The District National Guard was represented by Gen. Ordway and his staff. Considerable gratification was expressed at the recognition of the militia by the Secretary of War, who had given them a special invitation—the first on record.

Just at noon the department officials filed through the red parlor into the blue room. Among them were Commissioners Schoonmaker, Bragg, Walker, and Morrison, of the interstate commerce commission the civil service commissioners, Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson. Auditor Chenowith, Solicitor General McCue. In spector General Domoot, Register Rosecrans, Chief Cicik Youmans, Surgeon General Hamilton, Major Powell, of the coast survey; Commissioner Black, of the pension buresu; Actuary Elliott, of the treasury; the regents and the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; President Gallaudet, of the National Deaf Mute College, and Assistant Attorney General Maury.

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A notable break in the propramme at this point was the non-appearance of the Asseciated Soldiers of the War of 1812. Lest year they numbered but six, but yesterday there were only two in line, and they were with the Grand Army men.

There was a large delegation of the Oldest Inhabitants in line, and their remarkably fine appearance was the subject of sumerous complimentary remarks on the character of the old gentlemen and the healthfulness of this climate.

About 350 Grand Army men, escorted by the Old Guard, Union Veteran Corps, then marched past their President, and were well received. A strikingly attractive feature of the line was the large proportion of colored veterans present.

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At 12:40 the crowd that had been gathering about the west gate for an hour and a half was allowed to commence to move through the rateway and in less than a minute the advance guard of the general public was in the corridor on its way to be received. At five minutes before I o'clock, however, a delegation from the Union Veterans Union, with their drum corps, put in an appearance and the public reception ceased until they had been presented. The old "vets" were marshalled by considered in the old army uniform and appearance as most interesting. The President and Mrs. Cleveland were informed that every man in the line had been wounded in battle and, as a natural a quence, they paid more than ordinary attention to to the "boys in blue." Seventeen of the company were minus a litab and several were living witnesses to mirreulous recoveries.

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Marsh, A. B. Frisbie, James Cleary, hero of
six wars; M. Mullan, C. S. Wilder, George
O. Barker, O. Hauser, A. C. Clishiam,
William Dalley, E. S. Williams, J. R.
Whitsker, J. I. McConnell, J. McComb,
William Goodspeed, Henry Zell, James
Crystall, R. H. Betts, Tsomas Pitman.
When the veterans had retired the great
and numerous "public" was again admitted. The crush was not by any means
great, although fully 4,000 people were in
line, for the police arrangements, under the
direct supervision of Lieut Guy, were as
near perfect as they could be. There was
no disturbance at any time, and the behavior of the officers was so gentlemanly
and their manner was so suave as to call
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It was an ordinarily average assembly in appearance, the few poverty-stricken wretches being fairly equalized by the numerous well-to-do people who moved along toward the same goal. The genuine democracy of the American character and institutions was never more clearly shown than yesterday. Here was a ragged little brat, with dirty hands and face and unkempt hair, that knew nothing of the civilizing influences of a comb, while right behind, next in line, was a daintily dressed lady, whose fingers had never tolical and whose stomach had never been pinched by hunger. The gaudy dude and the burly negro elbowed each other, while the jolly old colored washerwoman preceded her employer. As they passed through the red parlor and fell into single file they were a study. Some would attempt to look over the heads of those in front in order to obtain a previous view of the Fresident or Mrs. Cleveland; some cast furtive glances at their right hands to see if they were clean enough, and fully seven-tenths of the men gave the palm of the hand a final rub on their trousers just as they passed through into the blue room. The old gentleman, with the self-same dressecut which he were to church fifty years seed which he attracted some attention, out as much, however, as that which was bestowed on a gentleman with silvery whiskers who had a jet black mustachadyed, of course, but nevertheless black. They marched past at the average rate of forty-eight per minnte. The Fresident smiled at everybody, but toward the last it seemed as though it hurt him. Mrs. Cleveland's scraphic expression was bestowed on all, and nearly every one turned after grasping her hand to admire the beautiful woman who was so naturally gracious. After the crowd, numbering fully 4.000, had passed through lieut. Guy and his force were all received, and the last man to volce his good wishes for the new year was Jerry Smith, the well-knowa colored attache of the white house. His bow to each was the most obsequious made during the e

was the most obsequious made during the entire reception, and he was greeted very pleasantly. At 2:15 the reception was over, and Prof. Sousa with the Marine band had left the building, which was quickly cleared of all loiterers and handed over to its legitimate occupants. Their Old Commanders Visited.

The Grand Army of the Republic, after leaving the white house, called upon Gen. Sheridan, Gen. J. C. Black, commissioner of pensions, and Dr. F. Donohue, surgeon general of the G. A. R. The Union Veterans' Union also called

PROMINENT SOCIETY LADIES

With Their Alds Kept Busy Entertain-

ing Their Callers. Speaker and Mrs. Carlisle beld an animated reception at the Riggs House. Mrs. Carliele wore a trained dress of cream tinted moire, with panels of embroidered plush. She was assisted by Mrs. James E. Campbell, who wore a dress of buttercup silk, brocaded with bouquets of roses; Mrs. ex-Senator MacDonald, bronze velvet; Mrs. McAdoo, pale blue silk and gauze; Mrs. McAdoo, pale blue silk; Miss Sophronisba Breckinridge, dead black silk; Miss Breckinridge, heliotrope silk; Miss Sophronisba Breckinridge, white tulle overwhite silk; Miss Queen, white satin; Miss Ford, of Covington, blue silk garianded with buttercups.

Mrs. Sherman's house was most coay and hospitable. Mrs. Sherman received her guesta in a dress of black lace and velvet, and was assisted by Miss Miles, Mrs. and the Miss Grosvenor, Mrs. Senator Hoar, Miss Hoyt, and Miss Husted.

The Postmaster General and Miss Vilas were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Vilas, of Madison, Wis. Molle Vilas and Henry slso enjoyed seeing the visitors. Miss Vilas wore a dainty dress of plak silk and crepe, and Mrs. E. P. Vilas wore a black toilet.

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Secretary and the Miseas Bayard were assisted by Mrs. Warren, Miss sligreaves, Miss Macomb, and Miss Alice Maury.
Mrs. Justice Miller introduced a very pretty granddaughter—Miss Lucy Corkhill—to society yesterday, Mrs. Miller wore a handsome dress of yellow corded silk, trimmed with Japanese embroidery. The debutante wore a white satin dress with white the contract of the satin dress with white the satin dress with t wore a handsome dress of yellow corded silk, trimmed with Japanese embroidery. The debutante wore a white satia dress with white fish net draperies and a knot of moire ribbon on one shoulder. They were assisted by Mrs. Gomez, who wore white tulle, with white satin bodice: Mrs. Neili, black silk, with pearls and diamonds; Mrs. Irving, atone gray silk; Mrs. George B. Willams, black silk toilet; Miss Williams, pink silk and moire; Miss Cullom, blue gauze over silk, and Mrs. Rhet Clarkson, white brocade.

Mrs. Endicott was able to see visitors by keeping her chair. She wore crimson satin and was assisted by Miss Endicott in Illanum's veiling; Mrs. Rodgers, pearl corded silk; Mrs. Lydecker, black lace; Miss Markoe, atone-colored silk; Miss Sharon, wine velvet, and Miss Gardner, silk gauze.

Mrs. Geo. Black was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Griggs, and Miss Katherine Scott in entertaining many callers.

Mrs. Sberidan was assisted by the Misses Ruckers, Mrs. M. V. Sheridan, Mrs. Col. Kellogg, and Mrs. Tyler.

Secretary and Mrs. Fairchild had with them Mrs. Wynkoop, of New York; Miss Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. Stebblins, of Casenovia, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Schuyler, of New York; Mr. George Schuyler, and Mrs. Lineklaen.

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Secretary and Mrs. Whitney had the big ball room full of fair assistants; Mrs. Cameron, Mies H. Well; Mrs. and Miss Schley, Miss Adele Grant, Mrs. and Miss Schley, Miss Adele Grant, Mrs. and Miss Schley, Miss Andel Grant, Mrs. And Miss Walker, Mrs. and Miss Sleard, Mrs. T. D. Wilson, Miss Redgers, Vilas, Miss Annie Hope Miss Hudson, Brown, the Misses Huat, Miss Winterhoff, Miss Lister and Miss Lay. Admiral Porter well sustained the reputation of his hospitable house in his reception yesterday. He received his guests with his corps of assistants, who were Miss Lona Porter, Miss Anna Barnes, Mrs. Porter, and Miss Porter, Miss Kitty Davis, and Mrs. John Cropper, in the dining room.

Admiral Porter gave a young people's ball last night, and will attend the production of "Alian Dare" this evening.

The wife and daughters of Gen. Wheeler received a large number of callers. They were ably assisted by Mrs. Senator Fugh and Mrs. Cochran.

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Mr. Holden, and Senator Sherman.

GOOD TEMPLAR RECEPTIONS. in Enjoyable Day Passed by the Cold Water Advocates.

The sisters of Minnehaba, assisted by several prominent sisters of the order, former members of this mother lodge, received their friends in Hilton Hall, corner seventh and D streets, yesterday, in a very liberal ed characteristic manner. The proceeds of a successful "crazy T" party, given the week previous, enabled them to make a bountiful spread, and nothing that could tempt a Good Templar's palate was wanting. The hall had been decorated, and from 10 o'clock a. m. to 5 in the afternoon there was a continuous stream of guests coming and going, every one remaining long enough to receive a new and deep impression of the pleasant way Minnehaha has of keeping New Year. A group of juvenile musicians, illustrating the "family" character of the Good Templar Lodge, was particularly noticeable in Minnehaba's reception. of a successful "crazy T" party, given the

ception. The sisters of Friendship Lodge surpassed The sisters of Friendship Lodge surpassed themselves yesterday in the very artistic and agreeable fashion is which they received their friends in Wilmot Hall, corner of Eighth and I streets northeast. The committee on decoration, with the use of fisgs, banners, pendents, paintings, and tropical placts have transformed their comewhat plain hall into a verifiable bower and nothing was left undone by these young ladies to attract and impress their gentlemen friends with the superior excellence of men friends with the superior excellence of a life of temperance. The tables were over-leaded with luxuries and necessities, in-cluding an endiess variety of fruits and ruts, and from 2 to 8 o'clock the hall was buts, and from 3 to 80 clock the fail was continually thronged, and everybody was happy. In the evening the young people gave Prof. Corning a surprise dancing party in the hall below, which was all that such a party should be. Yesterday was a red let-ter day for Friendship Lodge of Good Templay

Templars.

Among the private Good Templar New Among the private Good Templar New Year's receptions which are regular as the year's in their procession, and always pleasant, were one at Mrs. Gourlay's, on Defrees street, Mrs. G. being assisted by Sister Cutter, of Morning Star Lodge; Mrs. A. H. Frears, on Eighth street northeast, and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, on Second street northeast, Mrs. P. being assisted by Sister A. Riley, of Baltimore. The bright bountiful, and agreeable features of the social reception at Mrs. Phillips's last evening between the hours of 7 and 11 were enjoyed by a large number of callers.

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There were many callers at the new temperance home for soldiers and satiors, 329 Missouri avenue, where they were received by Miss I. Chase, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Hansman, and other ladies interested in the good work there.

THE IRISH-AMERICAN CLUB

Most Generous in Dispensing their Hos pltality. The rooms of the Irish-American Club. over Milburn's drug store, were crowded all day yesterday with callers. Those who went there found themselves in such genfal company that instead of tarrying only a few minutes they found themselves auxlous to minutes they found themselves auxious to remain. This club seems to have the luck of always doing things to please everybody, and their efforts yesterday were only a con-tinuance of this practice.

The recortion committee comprised Messra. John H. Rogers, J. D. O'Connell, Maj. M. Emmett Urell, and William J. O'Connell. It would be unjust to mention a few names of the guests out of the hun-

a few names of the guests out of the hun-dreds who called. There were congressdreds who called. There were congress-men, physicians, lawyers, newspaper men, business men, and prominent citizens pres-ent, and each one was provided with some thing suiting the inner man. As this was the first New Year's open house of the club, the members determined that it should be pleasantly remembered, and they suc-ceeded. There was not a caller who did not wish that he was member of this nepular organ zation.

THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

Entertains Many of the Prominent Men of the Country. The league building of the Republican National League yesterday presented a very attractive appearance, and received many words of commendation from the numerous guests entertained within its

miles of the set all times an inviting place, and those finding themselves temporarily domiciled in its quarters, epicying the hospitality of the members of the League, are loath to depart from its cheerful influences. Yesterday was supposed to be an extra occasion, and if such possibly could be the case, the bright, handsome rooms were more inviting than at ordinary times, and the members were vicing with each other in looking after their guests, seeing that all wants, if not anticipated, were fully provided for. It had been expected when the announcement was made that there would be open house at the League that the response would be general, and many visitors drop in to pay their respects, but it was not anticipated that there would be such a gathering of statesmen, business men, politicians, men in the more quiet walks of life—deep thinkers as it were—assemble in response to the invitation. While it was something of a surprise, yet all were made welcome and royally entertained. Senators, representatives, judges, ex-governors, prominest army and navy officers, civilians who have filled conspicuous positions at home and abroad, honored by the nation and their countrymen, were noticed moving in the throng that promenaded through the League House. They walked by in couples or stood in knots of three or more, and generally discussed the topics of the day, eschewing political matters for the time being. The handsome quarters came in for deserved admiration, and the members of the League were commended for the good work performed in perfecting the organization and bringing it to such a marked degree of worth and efficiency, its purposes were touched upon, and men from a distance coincided strongly with views heretofore expressed that the League will prove a powerful adjunct to the nirty, and be the means of having performed in perfecting the organization and important work for the Republican party. It was long after nightfall ere the last guest departed, and the members rejoiced over the success attending their fi walls. It is at all times an inviting place, and those finding themselves temporarily

MEN OF THREE SCORE YEARS Pay their Respects to the Nation's

Chief Magistrate. The Oldest Inhabitants' Association celebrated New Year's Day, as is their custom at their rooms in the Corcoran building yesterday morning. About fifty members were in attendance and presented a fine sppearance of mellow old age. Many of the appearance of mellow old age. Many of the aged gentlemen's steps were nearly as clastic as in the days of their youth. To be eligible for membership an applicant must be fifty years old or more, and must have resided in the district for forty years, and as o consequence the majority of the members are nearly three score, if not beyond.

Mr. J. G. Bruff, the corresponding secretary, lays claim to being the oldest member and to having resided longer in the District than any other person. He was born here eighty-four years ago. Next to Mr. Bruff comes Mr. T. K. Gray, who was born in 1803. Each member was decorated with a white slik badge, topped oil with red, while, and blue resettes.

Mr. John Merkey, available and the latest member was decorated with a Mr. Both Merkey.

white slik badge, topped off with red, white, snd blue roselles.

Mr. John Marbury, president, called the meeting to order, on his left being Mr. Bruff, the secretary, while on his right were Mr. Robert Ball, treasurer, and Mr. J. A. Wisserger, marginal.

The report of the auditing committee was submitted, and shows a satisfactory financial condition of the association. The membership numbers 100. Four deaths

occurred during the year.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Bill,
Wineberger, and Pilling, was appointed to
arrange for celebrating Washington's birth-After erjoying informal talks by saveral

of the members the association adjourned, and forming in line marched to the white house and paid their respects to the Presi-

THE DIPLOMATIC BREAKFAST. Secretary Bayard Entertains the Foreign Ambassadors.

The diplomatic corps were entertained at breakfast yesterday by Secretary of State Bayard at his residence on Massachusetts A Gang of the Desperadoes in the and every member of the corps who was in the city was present. The breakfast comthe city was present. The breakfast com-merced at 12 o'clock, and was a most elegant affair, the floral decorations being especially fine, and the calibles and liquids of the choicest descriptions. "Beautiful" is not sufficiently strong to describe the scene, for the showy uniforms, shining plate, gay flowers, bright lights, the palms and other plants, and the mag-nificently furnished room combined to form a dezzling and most attractive pic-ture. At 1 o'clock the breakfast was con-cluded, and one of the events of the season in diplomatic circles was a thing of the in diplomatic circles was a thing of the

Temple Hotel Reception. Mrs. La Fetra, at the Temple Hotel, re ceived about 150 callers. Mrs. La Fetra wore black velvet and diamonds, and was wore black velvet and diamonds, and was assisted by Mrs. M. L. Eder, in black satin with diamond ornaments; Mrs. J. W. Conard in cream colored cloth and velvet; Mrs. S. L. Godfrey, of Ocean Grove, N. J., in brown satin; Mrs. James Underhill, in black silk and jet; Mrs. A. Hartman, in cream colored satin, point lace and diamonds, and a bevy of young ladies. The parlors were tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens. lowers and evergreens.

Society Notes. Mrs. Symes, of Colorado, will receive Tuesdays at 1501 Eighteenth street.

Mme. Romero, wife of the Mexican minister, will not receive to day, but will commence her informal receptions next Tuesday, the 10th, and will be at home that day during the season. during the season.

Mrs. Wheeler, wife of Representative
Wheeler, of Alabama, and the Misses
Wheeler, will receive on Tucsdays, at No. Mrs. William M. Springer will neither receive nor make formal calls this winter. Invitations to a dinner to be given by Mrs. Senator Stewart on Wednesday are

out.
Mrs. Wm. H. Clagett and Mrs. Howard Clagett will receive on Tuesdays during the winter.

Growth of Minneapolis, MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 2 — During the year the receipts of wheat aggregated 46,075,680 bushels, an increase of 11,000,000 bushel. The flour output aggregated 6,227,984 barrels, over 5,000,000 bush of feight were shipped and received, 4,600 buildings,costing \$12,214,000, were erected, and bank clearings were \$69,000,000. Present population, 195,000.

Colored Troubadours Disband Manthono', Jan. 2.—The Beston Ideal Co ored Troubadours gave a sacred concert her last evening, and then took up a collection is enable its members to get out of town. The manager skipped with all the funds. The company has been on the road two months.

Los Anueles, Cat., Jan. 2.—Gen. Fremont has accepted the gift of a lot at Beaside from the Bedondo Beach Company. He has written a letter of thanks, and also announces his acceptance of the Englewood homestead, which he intends to make his future residence. Respect for Gov. Parker. TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 2.-The governor has issued a proclamation relative to the death of ex-governor Joei Parker, recalling his eminent

Gen. Fremont Accepts a Homestead

services to the state. The public buildings are ordered draped in mourning, and the flags kept at half must until the funeral. The Welr-Miller fight MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—The contest between Ike Weir and Tommy Miller will take place n this city Jan. 23 with the smallest glove the

aw will allow. It will be twenty rounds.

DEATH OF GEN. ALEXANDER A Veteran of Two Wars Passes Away-

His Military Record. Gen. E. B. Alexander, of St. Paul, Minn., died at the residence of his son-in-law, Cal. G. N. Lieber, 1322 Eighteenth street northwest, last evening in the 80th year of his age. Gen. Alexander was born in Haymarket, Va., and on Oct. 6, 1818, entered the military academy at West Foint and was graduated from there July 1, 1823, receiving his com-mission as 3d Lieutenant of the 3d lin-fantry. He was commissioned as captain and assistant quarter-mater July 7, 1839, and was transferred with the 5th infantry April 3d, 1859. He was commissioned ileutenant colonel April 5, 1864, and received a coloneley July 29, 1864.

lleutenant colonel April 5,1861, and received a colonelcy July 29, 1806.

Gen. Alexander was in the Mexican war, and for gallant services at Cerro Gordo was breveted major on April 18, 1847, and on the 20th of August following was breveted lleutenant eclonel for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of Contiras and Churabusco. During the last war he was on recruiting service, and for meritorious work in this service was hrevield a brigadler general March 13, 1805, which commission he held at the time of his retirement, Feb. 23, 1800, at which time les had reached the age allotted by law for retirement from active service. etirement from active service.

STEEL FOR THE CHARLESTON. No Such Defects as Washington Corre-

spondents Have Discovered. SAN FRANCISCO, Jun. 2 —Regarding the reported discovery of grave defects in the steel intended to be used in the construction of the cruiser Charleston and the anapping of several heavy deck beams during

tion of the cruiser Charleston and the snapping of several heavy deck beams during an attempt to slightly bend them, as mentoned in Washington dispatches last Saturday night, the Alla published an interview with Geo. W. Prescott, president of the Union Iron Works, in which he said: "I have heard of no accident of that kind at our shippyards. The steel used in the construction of the Charleston has all successfully stood government tests. There is a corps of government tests. There is a corps of government officials here who superintend and inspect all the work done on the cruiser. I do not think there is any foundation for the report. It would not have been surprising if some of the steel showed a slight defect while being worked, but that could not be considered as a very startling feature. The steel for the deck beams was manufactured by Andrew Carnegie at Tittsburg, Pa., and was thoroughly tested right there at the works. All the material made here, such as wrought iron, cast iron, and steel, is also severely tested by Lieut. Gilmore, the local inspector. The steel now being put into the Charleston is of as good quality as was ever put into a vessel."

Concerning the work on the Charleston, Mr. Prescott said satisfactory progress was being made, but the men are behind time on account of the delay in getting sufficient material from the east. The vessel will probably be launched in February, instead of January, as expected.

Ferand, naval constructor and inspector of bulls of the United States navy, and who has the supervision of the cruiser Charleston's hull, concerning the breaking of a number of steel deck beams, stated that ame three weeks ago, while the beams for the two upper decks were being bent to the proper shape, two of them had given way. There-Yan nothing astonishing about this, as it was likely to happen to any unaterial, though in this case, he was suffered and in the strain under which the beams which had cracket, and the had continued the strain until the beams were broke through, but the low

KANSAS KU-KLUNISM.

Meshes of the Law.

TOPERA, KAN., Jan. 2 - A gang of Lane county ku-klux has just been broken up by the arrest of all but one. James Vande rine, Nelson English, and P. S. Galloway were arought to the city by a United State were sought to the city by a United States marshai and lodged in the county juit. They with five others are charged with a conspiracy to intimidate a homesteader named Hoover, with a view of forcing him to abandon his claim for the supposed purpose of one of their number jumping it. The other five gave bond for their appearance to answer an indictment in the United States district court, and these parties now being unable to give bond they will be confined in jail until the sitting of the next term of court.

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It seems that one night several months ago these defendants, who were masked, entered the house of a settler named floover, near Dighton, carrying with them a bucket of tar and some feathers. They set upon Hoover and beat and kicked him unmerifully. An attempt was made to lar and feather him, but he fought despor-tely and the tar was scattered over the ately and the tar was scattered over the soom and furniture. Mrs. Hoover came to her husband's assistance, and with a heavy wooden chair felied three of the attacking wooden chair felled three of the attacking party. In the scrimmage the masks were torn off, disclosing the identity of the parties, who then retreated. Not long after this occurrence the lumble dwelling of the Hoovers was set on fire one night and burned to the ground, leaving the family homeless on the prairie. The matter was presented to the district attorney, who brought it before the grand jury.

Indictments were found against those implicated, and their arrest followed.

LICENSE IN ATLANTA.

More Liberal Regulations Made by the City Council.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 2 -The city council o-day reduced the liquor license to \$1,000 and made the hour of closing 10 p. m. Beer license may be granted, but the penalty for selling spirituous liquors under it is thirty days in the chain gang. The retr-ing council turned over to the new one \$275,000, which is \$100,000 in excess of legal requirement.

THE GREAT LENS MOUNTED.

The Lick Telescope All Ready for As tronomical Observations.

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 3 -The 35-inch lens of the Lick telescope was successfully nounted yesterday, but owing to the ob scuration of the clouds no observations could be made. As soon as observations can be made a photographic lens will be mounted and experimental photographs taken to determine the work required to finish it.

JAMES A. HENDRICKS DEAD. The Last of the Family of the Late

Vice President. SHELDYVILLE, IND , Jan. 2. Hendricks, brother of the late Vice President, died vesterday, aged 56. He served with honor during the war. He is the last of the Hendricks family, and the third to die during the year. A message has beer cent Mrs. Thomas A. Hendricks.

Massachusetts Prohibitionists Bostos, Jan. 2.—The Prohibition state cen-tral committee organized to-day by electing J D. Roberts, of Cambridge, president, and H. P. Dyer, of Abingdon, secretary.

A RIDICULOUS STORY.

THE RUMORED OBJECT OF GLAD-STONE'S VISIT TO ITALY.

The Report That the Grand Old Man Will Endeavor to Have the Vatican Cast Its Influence for Irish Autonomy Characterized as Absord.

LONDON, Jan. 2 .- A rumer gained wide circulation here to day that Mr. Gladstone intended to plead the cause of Ireland with the pope during his stay at Rome. The story is extremely ridiculous, and even those most industrious in its circulation laugh at the idea. It has no other foundation whatsoever than the fact that fr. Gladstone is the guest at Fiorence of zpor Lacalta, who thirty years ago was he liberal leader's private secretary and is the father of Mr. Charles C. Lucalta, who a few weeks ago resigned his seat in the louse of commons as member for Daudee. because, as he alleged, he found himself

house of commons as member for Dandee, because, as he alleged, he found himself "unable to steadily support Mr. Gladstone, whose immoderate attitude was a hindrance to the granting of home rule to Ireland." Mr. Gladstone's methods of securing to Ireland the moon of local self-government are admittedly peculiar, but they do not include the personal appeal to the pope to influence the action of the Irish clergy.

The Duke of Norfolk, just returned from from Rome, had a protracted conference with Lord Salisbury this afternoon. What representations his grace made on behalf of the holy father are not definitely known, but it is rumored that he informed the premier that the pope could not intervene between the political parties in Irishad; but that when his boliness received Mgr. Persicl's final report, he might advise the Irish clergy to assume a passive attitule with regard to political matters. The duke, it is understood, pressed the question of re-establishing diplomatic relations between England and the vatican, but with what result it cannot be learned.

The pacific effect of the publication of the forged correspondence continues. The name of the person chicily responsible for the forged correspondence continues. The name of the person chicily responsible for the forged correspondence continues. The name of the person chicily responsible for the forged correspondence continues. The name of the person chicily responsible for the forged correspondence continues. The name of the person chicily responsible for the forgeries will perhaps never be made public, but it is an undoubted fact that both the caar and Prince Bismarck are in possession of it, and that its owner will have frequent occasion to regret having engaged in the unfortunate business.

Mr. Richardson, a gentleman well known and highly esteemed in Ramagate, where he resides, became temporarily lassue or creazed with dripk to-day, and ran amuck

and highly esteemed in Ramagate, where he resides, became temporarily insane or crazed with driek to-day, and ran amuch in the streets of the town, firing random shots from a revolver as he ran. Two or three persons pursued him, and these were soon joined by others, who chared the manise to his home. Richardson reached the house considerably in advance of his pursuers, and, entering, soon appeared at an upper window, from which he fired the contents of a shotgan into the crowd below, severely wounding three of their number. A rush was made for the house, which was entered, and Richardson was dragged out and given to the police to was dragged out and given to the police to save him from the vengeance of the crowd. He was taken to the police court

save him from the vengeance of the crowd. He was taken to the police court somewhat recovered from his frenzy and remanded for examination.

Advices from Missowah state that King John, at the head of an immense army of Abyssinians, has arrived at Asmar.

A dispatch from Berne gives the following from the highest official source regarding Schreede and Heupt, who were recently arrested in Zurich: "Ardent anarchists and socialists, suspecting Heupt, enticed him from Geneva to Zurich, where they met him and took him to Schreede's house. The bouse was search from top to bottom, and a quantity of dynamite was found, along with a number of letters from the Berlin police inspector. Keenger. "Self men were handed over to the inspector, Fischer. Henpt's house was then cearched, and there was found extensive correspondence with Berlin Inspector Hacke, together with accounts proving that Heupt's salary was 250 marks per month, and that he had received since 1880, 14,000 marks ne extras. Both men were imprisoned on the charge of inciting

per month, and that he had received since 1850, 14,000 marks as extras. Both men were imprisoned on the charge of helting outrages on life and property. Tasir immediate employer was ex-Capt. Ehrenberg, as an ostensible anarchist, wo was warned in time and escaped to Carlsruhe, where he was arrested to undergo a sentence which the Baden court martfal passed upon him years ago. The police scout the augustion that Schroede's dynamite was from Berlin, and intended for an outrage on the czar.

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The pope yesterday received 2,500 congratulatory telegrams. He will send a special autograph letter to all sovereigns who have written him, that to Queen Victoria being of special importance.
The Gaelic Association meets at Archbishop Crocker's house Wednesday, when an attempt will be made to arrange the foud between the priests and Fenlans. In opening the Portuguese cortes to day the king referred to the agreement with China and the prospect of a settlement with bina and the prospect of a settlement with larezwar. He says the financial condition

Zarezwar. He says the financial condition of the country is sound.
Lord Roseberry is to be the guest of Archbishop Walsh. Mr. Cullimen, leader of the plan of the campaign on the Kingston estates, has been arrested. The tenants of the Kingston estates at a meeting to day declared the land commission reduction of judicial rents inadequate, and resolved to continue the plan of the compaign until all evicted tenants were reinstated.
Milford Blunt, Lady Blunt, and Messrs. Evelya and MacDermott were welcomed by 2,000 at Portumana to day. Great excitement was caused by the simultaneous arrival of Mr. Sheebyln his prison garb, esitement was caused by the simultaneous grival of Mr. Sheehy in his prison garb, escrited by the police.

Lord Hartington, Lord Rosebery, and Siritory James are the gueste of the Prince of Wales at Sandringham palace.

Lord Randolph Churchill has gone to

Moscow.

The Italian papers say Gladstone will treat with the vatican for its support for the autonomy of Ireland, Mgr. Persico having commenced the work.

RUSSIA CEASES MILITARY ACTIVITY BERLIN, Jan 2 — The Feudem-blatt de-nies on authentic information that the movement of Russian troops on the fron-tier continues. The recent reports refer mainly to displacements effected in the frontier provinces.
Minister Wefort has advised the Catholic primate to make radical reforms in priests' seminaries and that smaller semi-usries be abolished.

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The number of recruits for the Roumania
army for the year isliked at 44,500, which is
regarded as proof that she is preparing for
coming events.

The mammoth Alhambra Theater at Antwerp was destroyed by fire last evening.

The crown priace has received numerous
telegrams and measages. He shared in
the amusements of his family circle. Private
theatricals in which Prince Henry and
Princess Victoria participated were given.

Emperor William in his address to the
military chiefs yesterday, alluded to the
improved political situation.

The Gazette says no special circumstances
rendered it necessary for the czar to give
sudience to Gen. Von Schwinetz, nor
should any bad inference be drawn from
the fact that Emperor William did not send
an autograph letter to the czar.

The Austrian government's action in
calling out the Moravian reserves has no
connection with the political situation.

The Gazette cays the publication of the
forged documents recently sent to the czar
is without doubt the most important even
of the year, and affords proof of the loyal
intention of the czar to pave the way for a
modification of the existing situation.

Count Stolberg-Wornigerode, court
chamberlain, has been decorated with the
order of the Black Eagle.

The Reishant Zeirger corrects the "Almanack de Gotha" for conferring the title
"Royal Highness" on Prince Ferdinand of
Bulgaris, holding he is not a prince until
election has been seauctioned by the powers.

The doctors are beginning to waver in
their opinion as to the condition of the
crown prince. Prof. Tuersch has published
an account saying the malady cannot be of
a cancerous nature.

OHIO LEGISLATURE.

COLUMBUS, ORIO, Jan. 2 .-- The sixty

eighth general assembly convened gat 10

Disgruntled Republicans Combine with the Democrats,

o'clock this morning. The house organized by electing F. L. Lampson speaker. David Lanning clerk, and the balance of Republi can caucus nominees. Thirteen members of the Republican senate caucus made nomican caucus nominees. Thirteen members of the Republican senate caucus made nominations for officers Saturday night, selecting J. C. Richardson, of Hamilton, president profess and T. J. Hayes, of Lawrence, cierk. The other Republican senators who claimed to have been ignored in caucus combined with Democratic members this moreing and organized the senate by electing T. F. Davis, of Washington county, president pro tem; Judge Lowry, of Hardin county, clerk; Waiter F. Thomas, of Delaware county, journal clerk; S. M. Flenner of Butter county, message clerk; Bell S. Ashland, engrossing clerk; Miss Polit Kumler, of Hamilton county, enrolling clerk; H. L. Korte, of Muskingum, recording clerk; D. W. Glenn, of Cleveland, ser, geant at-arms; E. V. Glover, of Harrison, first assistant; Evan Evans, of Hamilton, second assistant; R. B. Crawford of Summit, third assistant. Korte is a Democratic committee two years ago. Six of the Republican caucus nominess were defeated and others electad.

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The governors message was presented and read in both branches this atternoon.

Gov. Foraker's message recommends illeral appropriations for the centennial celebration and entertisiment of the G. A. R. organizations. All public institutions are reported in good condition. A new system of public accounts is recommended. The receipts for the year were \$28,000.000, of which \$23,000.000 will be available. The falling off of the fluances is due to the constant increase of state expenditures, while the revenues are materially unchanged. Revision of tax laws and taxation of foreign corporations are recommended.

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The mersage concludes with a reference to the President's message, in which it is argued that if the President's propositional prevail the consequence will be disastrous to every industry and every section of our country, and to no class more surely than our farmers and laboring people. Other and better ways can be provided for disposing of the surplus revenue than by breaking down our home industry and exposing our labor to foreign competition. We should stand firmly together in support of a protective tariff policy, which has been pursued for twenty-live years. We should afford direct protection to our labor by carefully discriminating against every kind of socialistic, criminal, or disreputable characters who may seek to immigrate to our shores. Next after our obligation to God it is our highest duty to take care of America.

DENOUNCING LAMAR.

New York Legislative Republican Caucus Oppose His Confirmation. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2 -Mr. Cole was nominated by the Republican caucus this evening for speaker of the assembly. The vote stood : Cole, 51: Husted, 19,

In the Republican assembly caucus this evening, after the nominations had been made, Assemblyman Platt, editor of the Poughkeepsie Eagle, offered the follow-

Foughkeepsie Eagle, offered the following:

Resolved, That the safety of our institutions and the proper administration of our laws require that the courts shall be protected with the most featous care from any taint of complicity with crime in any form, and the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, the highest in the land, is the one place which should be forever sacred from the intrusion of disloyality, dishonor, or fraud.

Resolved That the nomination to a seat on that bench of L. Q. C. Lamar, who violated his oath of allegiance to go into rebelion against the Union, who has declared by his vote that the amendments to the constitution.

W. CUNNING pedges of the constitution over his seat in the Sonate and his political power and promine are solely to the suppression of Republican votes by violence and result, was an insult to the entire loyal population of the Union, and we demand of the Republican senators from this state that the population of the Union, and we demand of the Republican senators from this state that its vessel these resolutions be

transmitted to Senators Kest 5 and Hiscock.

Ernest Crosby, of New York, said:
Without expressing an opinion as to the
matter contained in the resolutions, it was
perfectly safe for the Republicau mijority
in the legislature to leave the matter in
the bands of the extremely able sonators who
represent the state in the national Senate. He did not think the caucus called upon to pass resolutions, especially when couched in what seemed to him very strong lan-guage, and he moved to table the resolu-tions.

The motion to table was lost, receiving only one vote (Crosby's), and the resolu-tions were adopted.

DEATH OF GEN. TRIMBLE

Mary land's Most Distinguished Confederate Soldier.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 2 .- General Isaac d. Trimble died at his son's residence, on North Eutaw street, to night after a protracted illness. He was one of the oldest living graduates of West Point, Gen. iving graduates of West Point. Gen. Frimble was born in Virginia. He became second Lieutenant first artillery United States Army, July 1820; was made thief engineer of the Susquebanus. chief engineer of the Susquehanna, railroad (now the Northern Central) in 1884, and finished the road to York, Pa., in 1887. He entered the confederate army in May, 1861, in which he performed distinguished service, and attained the highest rank of any soldier sent by Maryland to the confederacy. Gen. Trimble was in the charge made by Pickett's division at Gettysburg, where he lost a leg; was taken prisoner, and was kept at Johnson's Island and Fort Warren until February, 1865.

CHASING THE BANDIT. tured or Killed.

The Notorious Bernal Must be Cap-VALUARAISO, Jan. 3 .- The governor gen-

eral with 300 cavalrymen has gone in pursuit of Bernal, the bandit, as he is supposed to be in this vicinity. The governors have all been notified that Bernal must be captured or killed and his band dispersed. Mrs. Langtry Disappoints Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Jac. 2.—Mrs. Langiry, who was billed to appear at Holliday Sireet Theater to blick to appear at tolintary street incase to night in her new play, to-day telestraphed Mannger Albaugh that she was unable to leave New York because of an attack of inilammatory theumatism. There had been a heavy advance sale of seam and over \$1,933 was refurded at the box office.

President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Assarous, Mb., Jan. 2.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio cantal held here to hay Stephen Gambrill was elected president to succeed L. Victor Baugh-man, who was recently elected comprisite of the siste. Mr. Gambrill is a brother-in law of Senator Arthur P. Gorman.

our teen years a Democratic mayor and Democratic board of aidermen were closted to-day. Owing the Mitchell murder and the Christmas eve outrages an entire new city government was elected. The negroes abstained from voting.

Boston's Municipal Debt. Bostos, Jan. 2.—Mayor O'Brien's inaugural hows the gross debt of the city to be \$186,821,-28; net debt, \$27,627,538, an increase of \$1,239,-(0. He says the government is strictly non-

The Weather.

For the Bistrict of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia - Fair weather, followed by and Arginia - rair weather to have a year, warmer, light to fresh southerly winds.
Thermometer readings; 7 s. m., 34 0°; 3 p. m., 34 0°; 10 p. m., 38.0°; mean temperature.
38.0°; maximum, 46.0°; minimum, 29.0°; mean relative numidity, 63.0°; total procipitation, 0 inches.

THE MINERS WILL STRIKE

SEVERAL OF THE READING ASSEMBLIES VOTE TO GO OUT.

Thousands of Miners Will Undoubtedly Quit Work This Morning and Thus Inaugurate a Long and Bitter Struggle.

READING, PA., Jan. 2 .- Coal and freight traffic, while in full operation on the Reading railroad, is not as brisk as it was before the present labor troubles. It is apparent that the new men are unable to move trains as rapidly as the old ones. The majority of the coal miners are idle, and this likewise

has its effect on the traffic.

For the twenty four hours ending with midnight forty coal trains made up of 3,172 loaded coal cars passed down the 5,172 loaded cost care passed down the road, and thirty-eight trains composed of 3,073 empty cars came up from Port Richmond. Usually the total number of cost cars loaded and empty passing through this city on a Sunday was from 10,000 to 12,000. Yesterday sixteen freight tenins passed up the road, and twelve down. This is also a decrease from the daily shipments a month ago.

There is now no fear by the business com-There is now no fear by the business community that the shop hands in this city will strike. It is an assured fact that they will not do so. In evidence of his appreciation of the conduct of the men here, and as a further measure of conciliation, a circular was issued by Superintendent Cable and distributed among all the employes here thanking them in the name of the company for their loyality and faithfulness in standing by the company, and promising that their good conduct should not be forgotten. The men in this city, while not taking any official action at their assembly meeting, generally speak in demunciation of Sharkey, Lee, and other leaders, who, they say, having now been discharged by the company, try to foment trouble and lead old and faithful employes, who have no grivance, to strike. Advices from north of Reading to day say that at Gordon lead old and faithful employes, who have no grivance, to strike. Advices from north of Reading to day say that at Gordon plane a full complement of hands is at work. The plane was kept in operation all of Sunday, and a large quantity of freight and soft coal was holsted. Superintendent Lawler, of Shamokin, reports to Superintendent Cable to-day that he is well supplied with men and really has more now than he requires to handle the trade. At Mahanoy plane the strike is more serious, but, with the callerles all idle, the officials have not experienced much trouble in handling the business. At all other points on the Shamokin division everything was reported quiet this morning. Police have been stationed at all points where trouble is likely to occur. About 300 special officers have been distributed from this city along the main line. city slong the main line.

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From now on Superintendent Cable anticipates lighter coal shipments, because all the coal cars, which have blocked up the sidings, have been moved, and the many idle collieries will cause a great falling off in the coal trade. All iron industries in this vicinity are preparing to shut down it a coal strike takes place. There is not enough coal on hand in this city to supply private consumers more than several weeks, and prices are going up.

Advices received here to night from the interior towns of the coal regions say the coal miners will undoubtedly strike to morrow morning, when all coal traffic will, of course, be suspended.

Chairman Lee expresses entire confidence that the joint committee will decree a general miners' strike and says that even with the concession of the Sper cont. advance the men will emphatically refuse to mine coal to be handled by "scab" railroaders. He also says the delegates from the miners' assemblies to the Reading convention have since been discharged, showing that it is not only the striking railroaders whom the company is detarmined to punish. Secretary Joseph Catill, of the Lehigh strikers' railef committee grand and engine cabs burned off, and that the waler tank at East Mahanov tunnel had been tampered with, and found both statements to be false.

PHILADRIPHIA, Jan. 2—There is momaterial change apparent in the Reading railroad strike here to day. The Knights of Labor who left the company's employ are still the a state of masterly inscrivity, while the company's employ are still the a state of masterly inscrivity, while the company so like here to day. The Knights of Labor who left the company's employ are still the a state of masterly inscrivity, while the company's employ are still the astate of masterly inscrivity, while the company sounds here is attributed to that fact, but points here claim that a great number of find whits.

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hits have relied from the service of the
company, and that the effect will be shown
to morrow, when the company's shipping
business will be regularly resumed. The
officials, however, say they will have no
trouble, and that all trales will move as
usual, and that freight will be handled with
the customer promptness. the customary promptness.
SHAMOKIN, Pa., Jan. 2.—A meeting of
Knights of Labor and railroaders was held Knights of Labor and railroaders was held here to day and as a result a general strike of miners and railroaders will be made to morrow throughout the authracite region, except in the Wyoming valley. The miners strongly condenned the course of the railroad company and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and made an appeal to men who contemplate coming into the region to seek work to remain away until the strike is settled. They also advised hotel and boarding house keepers not to entertain "scabs," and declared their intention to fight to a finish. The entire coal region was represented at the meeting. The sentiment of the meeting was unanimously in favor of the lock-out. Everything is quiet. Business is greatly depressed. The miners declare they can stand out six months.

LIVELY BLAZE IN NEW YORK. A Vicious Fire in a Wholesale House-

A Fireman Injured. NEW YORK, Jan. 2 .- Fire broke out at So'clock this evening in the block St White street, occupied by Simon & Stulitizer, importers, and in less than thirty minutes was porters, and in less than thirty minutes was a mass of flames. The wind then carried the flames across the street to Topham's, which was also enveloped in flames. The fire made a complete arch across the street. The adjoining building, occupied by U.S. Higgins & Co., was also damaged. Freman Hamburg was knocked senseless by the falling of a piece of plate-glass, which cut through his belief.

PERSONALITIES.

EUGENE HIGGINS IS AT Willard's. McKer BANKIN is at the Arlington. HON, WM, D. KELLEY is at the Biggs. SENATOR PLUMB has returned to the city. W. BUNAN VARILLA, of Paris, is registored at the Arlington.

HON JOHN A. ANDERSON, of Kausas, is regisered at the Ebbitt, Miss Agnes Stone, of the Duff Opera Company, is at the Arlington. MR. JOHN CHANGERLIN has recovered from

DR. Jas. B. Nicuots, author of "Whence? What ! Where ?" died at Haverhill, Mass., caterday.

JEFFERSON S. LERRIUDGER, representative of Mr. Henry E. Abbey and Maurice Gran, of the Josef Hofmann concerts, is in the city. THE friends of Mrs. Addie Bynex, of the Sixth Anditor's office, regret to learn that she has been called to Illinois by the serious illness of her father, Mr. David Reddick,

MR. EUURNE QUDIN, of the Duff Opera Company, now playing "Dorothy" at the National Theater, is a nephew of Gen. Feltx Agnus. the manager and publisher of the Baltimore

MH. WILLIAM MURRAY, formerly an employe here under Gen. Rucker during the war, is in the city. He is now and has been for years general southern passenger agent of the Illi-nois Central railroad, and is popular among railroad men and others.